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established in this State by the Central Government. On General Education, compulsion will be enforced in the age-group of 6–11 and the Midday Meal Programme will be expanded to cover about 17 lakhs of children. The total allocation for Education, including Technical Education, is about Rs. 32 crores.

12. The main business for the current Session is the consideration of the Annual Budget for 1961–62. Supplementary Estimates for certain urgent items of expenditure in the current year will also come up for your immediate consideration. Other legislative proposals are—

(*a*) a Bill to provide for the Control and Regulation of Chit Funds;

(*b*) a Bill to amend the Madras State-Aid to Industries Act to liberalise the conditions governing the grant of aid; and

(*c*) a Bill to replace the Notification issued under Section 59 of the Madras General Sales Tax Act deleting certain items from the First Schedule of the Act.

13. I now look forward with keen interest to your deliberations with the assurance that they will be conducted with the dignity and the high sense of public duty for which this Legislature is justly renowned.

APPENDIX IV.

(Vide item VII on pages 107-128 supra.)

Statement with reference to Assurance No. 1064 (Question No. 335) by Sri K. R. Viswanathan.

No such petition, dated 23rd June 1960, has been received from the villagers of Mudukulam, Pudupalayam and adjacent hamlets requesting organization of either a Co-operative Credit Society or a Co-operative Marketing Society.